# Sumuri language

**Sumuri** or **Sumeri** (one of two <u>Papuan languages</u> also known as <u>Tanah Merah</u>) is a language spoken in Sumuri District, <u>Teluk Bintuni Regency</u> on the <u>Bomberai Peninsula</u> by about a thousand people.

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### Classification

In the classifications of Malcolm Ross (2005) and Timothy Usher (2020), Sumeri forms an independent branch of the Trans—New Guinea family, but Palmer (2018) classifies it as a language isolate. [3] It does not fit in with any of the established branches of TNG, but based on what little data there is, it would seem to be closest to either the Berau Gulf branches (i.e. South Bird's Head, West Bomberai etc.) or the Asmat—Mombum languages and their relatives further east.

Sumeri has previously been linked to the  $\underline{\text{Mairasi languages}}$ , but those do not share the TNG pronouns of Sumeri. The Sumeri pronouns are:

	sg	pl
1ex	na-fea	kiria
1in		kigokomaka
2	ka-fea	ki-fia

There are no 3rd-person personal pronouns, only demonstratives. The pronouns appear to reflect pTNG \*na 1sg, \*ga 2sg, and \*gi 2pl.

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